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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR TREATMENT AND/OR PROSTHESIS FOR
YOUNG SUDANESE.

1. FRANCIS DENG, MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TELEPHONED ME JULY 3 ON BEHALF OF VP OF SUDAN ABEL ALIER. ALIER IS SEEKING TO ASSIST A FAMILY WHOSE SON IS PROGRESSIVELY LOSING USE OF HIS LIMBS. DENG ASKED IF THERE WERE ANYTHING EMBASSY MIGHT DO TO LOCATE INSTITUTION IN U.S. WHERE PATIENT COULD BE TREATED OR, IF NECESSARY, FITTED WITH PROSTHESIS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEDICAL REPORT PREPARED BY DR. DAOUD MUSTAFA, FRCP OF KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY:

QUOTE: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: PATIENT'S NAME:
ABU EL AILA EL FATIH, AGED 23 YEARS.
THIS PATIENT FIRST REPORTED TO THE NEUROLOGY CLINIC IN KHARTOUM CIVIL HOSPITAL IN 1971 C/O WEAKNESS OF HIS LOWER LIMBS WHICH CAME ON GRADUALLY DURING THE PREVIOUS 3 MONTHS OR SO. EXAMINATION REVEALED DEFINITE WEAKNESS OF HIS LOWER LIMBS BUT NO OBVIOUS WEAKNESS OF HIS UPPER LIMBS. THERE WERE NO SENSORY DISTURBANCES. MUSCLE DISEASE WAS DIAGNOSED AND THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY A BIOPSY FROM THE RIGHT CALF MUSCLE WHICH SHOWED EVIDENCE OF MYOSITIS. THE DISABILITY WAS SLIGHT AT THAT TIME. BUT THE CONDITION
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GRADUALLY GOT WORSE AND HE DEVELOPED MINIMAL WEAKNESS OF THE UPPER LIMBS. HE WAS GIVEN A COURSE OF CORTICOSTEROIDS FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. HE DID NOT BENEFIT FROM IT. HE BECAME GRADUALLY MORE DISABLED WITH MARKED WEAKNESS AND WASTING OF HIS LOWER LIMBS AND OBVIOUS WEAKNESS OF HIS UPPER LIMBS. NOW HE WALKS WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY AND NEEDS SOME MECHANICAL AID TO HELP HIM. HE CAN,

HOWEVER, USE HIS UPPER LIMBS FREELY. BOTH THE PATIENT
AND HIS RELATIVES ARE ANXIOUSLY SEEKING HELP ABROAD.
END QUOTE.

3. AS SUDAN GOVT CURRENTLY UNDERGOING SEVERE FOREIGN
EXCHANGE PROBLEMS, WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THAT
MIGHT BE DONE TO LOWER COST OF TREATMENT IN U.S.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.
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